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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident communicators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Technologically literate students**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



Stars of the week:

Milena Sorobey – K1 Int'l
Savini Nguyen – K1 Int'g
Kim Tae Yang – K2 Int'g

VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

Dear parents,

I believe we are so fortunate at SIS @SS, to experience the Virtues Program, to help guide all our students to become socially just and responsible global citizens. The virtues program theme for this term is that of Getting Along. Getting Along means everyone working well together. All of us moving forward in the same direction, striving to make our school and world a better place. Solving problems peacefully, following classroom and school rules, working together as a team. The virtues program is reinforced in classrooms and at assembly time at SIS@SS. This term, the students have experienced the learning of the following virtues:

- Care, giving love and attention to people.
- Integrity, listening to your conscience and doing the right thing.
- Patience, waiting with a good attitude.
- Generosity, is giving and sharing.

These virtues, have been shared and taught at school. These are wonderful life skills for us all to understand and model in our lives.

I encourage all parents to discuss these virtues with their children .

They are such an important part of the students' learning journey at SIS@SS.

I will continue to highlight the virtues being taught at school in our monthly newsletters so this too can be shared at home with all families. We will learn together.

More information on this valued school program, is also available in the student handbook.

Academic Awards Policy

The Academic Awards policy has been reviewed to provide clearer guidelines for students, parents and teachers.

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Lantern parade

For the International Program, the award is called Academic Champion Award and is awarded for the highest overall academic result for the school year in English, Math and Science for each international class in Years 1 – 8. The overall result must be 85% or above.

For the Integrated Program, the award is called Academic Champion Award – English and is awarded to the highest overall academic result for the school year in English for each integrated class in Years 1 – 5 and English and EPP for each integrated class in Years 6 – 9. The overall result must be 85% or above.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.



First prize of displaying fruit and cakes.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your assistance with the items mentioned in last month's newsletter, in particular honoring company policy regarding being on campus. As you know, when a parent lingers on campus it creates anxiety in the children, whereas happily leaving after drop-off shows confidence and trust in the school/teacher. The longer a parent remains on campus the more difficult it is for the child to adjust to being in class, and so your continued cooperation with this expectation is greatly appreciated.



Buddy Reading.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) are beginning soon, with some already in progress. Information has been sent home with the children listing various clubs offered. Students may sign up for anything of interest as long as they meet the eligibility criteria, and some of the activities require a fee for materials. If you have specific questions about a club it is best to contact the designated staff member(s).

We all agree that student safety is a primary concern and so it is important that children are picked up promptly after dismissal (unless participating in an ECA, of course), as teacher supervision is unavailable. It is understood that sometimes a child must wait for a sibling. For this reason the Canteen has been designated as Waiting Area, and children may use their time to read, do homework, or chat with friends. However, other parts of campus, such as the playground and courtyard, are off-limits after dismissal.



Let's read!



All smiles at Hoa Nhip Trai Tim.



Having fun at Vung Tau!

Thank you again for entrusting your children with us. By continuing to work together we can make SIS@SS the best school it can be. Should you have questions or concerns you are invited to call to make an appointment to meet with a teacher or administrator.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden – Deputy Principal.

October - Buddy Reading

At SIS, we are well into our Reading Buddy program. This is a fun and effective way to share the joys of reading to younger readers and for older students to be a role model, leader and to have younger students admire and look up to them.

A class is “buddied up” with another class to take part in all sorts of activities. Both sides get to reap the multiple benefits. It improves self-esteem and gives students a chance to speak and practice English orally.

Buddy reading sessions also help students gain confidence through interaction with other students. They sometimes feel more comfortable speaking to just one or two students vs. speaking in front of the whole class.

Sharla Scott – Head of Studies (Y5 – Y9).

Dear Parents,

Time flies, the end of Term 1 is fast approaching. Students have been busily cramming for their Term 1 examinations and we are looking forward to some pleasing academic results from our hard working students helped along by our dedicated and caring teachers. We look forward to meeting many of you at our Parent/Teacher interviews 27 & 28 October. This is a very important time in the academic year and is a chance to get to know the teachers better and of course the academic progress of your child. On 11 September our high school students visited the Hoa Nhip Trai Tim orphanage in Ba Ria to donate an impressive 17 million VND which was raised at the Culture Fest last April. The staff and residents at the orphanage made us feel so welcome and warmed our hearts with their friendliness. Following that we had a great time having lunch and playing along the beach at Vung Tau. It was a nice opportunity for new teachers and students in the high



Try our best!

school to get to know one another better. We wish all teachers and students a nice term break.

Robert Gayst - Head of Studies (SHS).

OCTOBER NEWS.

It is so fast!

The students have studied nearly two months. In week 10, Integrated students will have Mid-Semester 1 Tests including: Vietnamese Studies and Math (for Primary); 45 minutes tests of all subjects (for Secondary).

To achieve the good results of Mid-Semester 1 Tests, you need arrange the reasonable learning time at home, review the knowledge of daily lessons. Before the last week of the Mid-Semester 1 Tests, you should always reflect on your learning.

Positive learning achievements, are the special gift for all mothers, teachers, especially on 20 October 2015, which is Vietnamese Women's Day.

**Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies.**

The upcoming sports schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

U11 Boys and Girls Basketball

Date	Location
October 21	CIS
October 28	HOME (vs. AMIS)
November 16	HOME (vs. AMIS)

U14 Boys and Girls Basketball

Date	Location
October 20	HOME (vs. ABC)
October 22 (boys)	TAS
October 29	SSIS
November 17 (girls)	SSIS (Championship)
November 19 (boys)	SSIS (Championship)

U19 Boys and Girls Volleyball



Student Council AY 2015 – 2016.



Haunted Race.



Halloween.

Date	Location
October 20	HOME (vs. ABC)
October 29	SSIS
November 12	SSIS (Championship)

Daniel Mitchell - Athletic Coordinator.

Dear Parents,

Student council has been working hard to organize great events for the school. We're so excited about the upcoming events for Halloween. There will be events for juniors and seniors.

Junior:

We will have a Halloween Carnival this year.

Date: Friday, 30 October.

Time: 13:45 – 14:45

Have fun dressing up, walking in the fashion show, playing Halloween games and going trick or treating. Some games will require coupons. One coupon is 10 000 VND.

Senior:

This is the event all students have been waiting for - The Haunted Race. The theme this year is Haunted Hospital.

Date: Thursday, 29 October

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Cost: Only 50 000 VND

Permission slips from parents are needed to be able to buy your tickets.

We'll also be selling yummy popcorn to raise funds for Student Council. The next sale will be on Friday, 23 October. It's only 10,000 VND a bag.

Nicola Cormack – Y2 Int'l.